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SUBJECT SMC RELEASES POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DISMISSES
ACHEAMPONG'S SPECIAL AIDES

1. AS A "GESTURE OF GOOD WILL," SMC HAS ANNOUNCED
THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE FROM PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF ALL

PERSONS ARRESTED AND DETAINED SINCE REFERENDUM
AT END OF MARCH. ALSO ANNOUNCED DISMISSAL OF JOE
APPIAH, SPECIAL ADVISOR TO FORMER HEAD OF STATE,
AS WELL AS THE FIVE SPECIAL POLITICAL AIDES WHO HAD
ASSISTED ACHEAMPONG IN RUNNING THE ILL-STARRED
REFERENDUM.

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2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE ARE PROBABLY NOT VERY
MANY POLITICAL PRISONERS AT THIS TIME THEIR RELEASE,
WHICH ACHEAMPONG HAD ADAMANTLY REFUSED TO APPROVE,
WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD WINNING INITIAL SUPPORT
FOR THE NEW REGIME AMONG OPPOSITION ELEMENTS. IT
PROBABLY WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR OPENING OF
GHANA'S THREE UNIVERSITIES LATER THIS MONTH AND

SHOULD HELP RETURN GHANAIAAN POLITICAL SCENE TO SOME
SENSE OF NORMALCY. APPIAH AND THE SPECIAL POLITICAL
AIDFI WFE PARTICULARLY UNPOPULAR AND THEIR DISMISSAL
WILL LIKEWISE BE WIDELY WELCOMED.
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